

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 1-26 and 50-51 are allowed. The Examiner has rejected claims 27, 28, 48, 49, and 52-54 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,615,429 to Weil. While Applicants respectfully disagree, and preserve their right to pursue those claims in a continuation application, Applicants have cancelled those claims in order to expedite the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, all claims are now in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Any questions about this Amendment or the accompanying request should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713. Should any fees be deemed appropriate in connection with this amendment or Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully Submitted,



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